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Introductory Comments

This is submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 22, 2006. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and submit the following in support thereof.

Application has been made subject to a requirement to restrict, to which Applicant has made provisional election of claims in Group I, claims 1-24. Examiner has taken the position that claims 1-24 (Group I) are drawn to a condensation catalyst, classified in Class 502, subclass 171. Examiner asserts Claims 25-46 (Group II) are drawn to processes for making polyesters, classified in Class 528, with various subclasses.

Claims 1-24 further stand rejected. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and submits the following amendment in support thereof. Amendments to the specification begin at page 2. Amendments to the claims begins at page 3. Insertions are identified by underlining. Deletions are identified by ~~strike through~~. Remarks begin at page 10.